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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 19, Part 2, relative to the enforcement of liens by a marina.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 19, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) A marina shall be entitled to a lien upon all vessels or personal watercraft, which lawfully come into their possession and are retained in their possession until all reasonable charges due are paid. A marina may, after sixty (60) days of lawfully coming into the possession of a vessel or personal watercraft, enforce a lien for the collection of reasonable charges due for such vessel or personal watercraft in the manner prescribed for the enforcement of artisans' liens under §§66-14-102 - 66-14-106, except the marina shall only be required to advertise the sale one (1) time in a newspaper published in the place where the sale is to be held. In addition to such method of enforcement, such lien may be enforced, in the alternative, by the marina complying with the provisions contained in the other sections of this part.

(b) As used in this section, the term:

(1) "Marina" means and includes a marina, boat dock, dry dock, or dry storage facility.

(2) "Personal watercraft" has the same meaning as this term is defined in §69-10-501.

(3) "Vessel" has the same meaning as this term is defined in §69-10-204(27).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.